

Our weekly focus:

Bonfire night

Remembrance and birthdays

Kwanzaa- African-American harvest festival

Hanukkah- Jewish festival of lights

Little Robin Red Vest - National Robin Day

Christmas

Christmas around the world

Understanding the world

- Religious celebrations- Hanukkah, Christmas
- Differences between the past and now- Why we have bonfire night and remembrance day
- Comparing their own festivals and celebrations to others
- Exploring the natural world around them

Expressive Art and Design

- Dance from other cultures
- Weaving mat
- Junk modelling firework
- Making cards and invitations
- Singing and music from different festivals

Let's celebrate!



Maths

- Focus on the 'five-ness of 5' using one hand, the die pattern for 5 and five frames
- Comparison of sets - by matching Use the language of comparison: more than, fewer than, an equal number
- Explore the concept of 'whole' and 'part'
- Focus on the composition of 3, 4 and 5
- Match numerals to quantities within 10 Verbal counting beyond 20
- Compare size, mass and capacity
- Explore, copy and create simple patterns
- Identify, compare and name circles and triangles
- Shapes in the environment
- Describe position
- Shapes in the environment
- Day and night

Personal Social and Emotional Development

- Follow instructions
- Develop understanding around safety
- Remembering people who have died
- Not comparing self to others, identify own strengths.
- Show understanding of own feelings and others, sensitivity to own and other needs
- Giving focused attention

Writing outcomes

- To write their name
- To copy taught letters
- To write initial sounds
- To form taught lowercase letters correctly
- Write simple phrases.

Communication and Language

- To engage in story times, joining in with repeated phrases and actions
- To begin to understand how and why questions
- To respond to instructions with more than one step
- To answer questions in front of the whole class
- To use new vocabulary throughout the day

Further experiences

- Remembrance reflection
- NSPCC
- Anti-bullying
- Road safety
- Carol service
- Christmas Performance